

### **REMARKS**

Claims 18-21 remain pending in the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw his rejections in view of the remarks as set forth below.

### **DRAWINGS**

The Examiner objects to the drawings. A corresponding request for proposed drawing changes is being filed concurrently herewith in a separate letter in response to the objections to the drawings contained within the Office Action. The changes made to the drawings are fully described in the request. Applicant submits that the changes made to the drawings serve to overcome the objections to the drawings. Accordingly, Applicant will forward the formal drawings when a Notice of Allowability is received.

### **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §103**

Claims 18-21 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,145,741 (Wisdom). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is believed that the pending claims are patentably distinct over Wisdom. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant submits a declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.131 which establishes the conception of the Applicant's invention in the United States prior to April 27, 1999, which is the filing date of the Wisdom reference. In addition, the declaration establishes that the

claimed invention was diligently pursued from prior to April 27, 1999 to a subsequent constructive reduction to practice. Applicant notes that additional documentary evidence may be provided in support of the declaration upon specific request by the Examiner. Since Wisdom is prior art in relation to Applicant's claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), Applicant asserts that the rejection has been overcome. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

### **CONCLUSION**

All of the stated grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and further requests that they be withdrawn. Accordingly, it is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1230.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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